



# Brilliant Academic Council

Final Term Assessment - 2018-19

Class : VIII

Subject : English

Time : 3:00 Hours

Date : 27-02-19

M.M. : 80

Day : Wednesday

## General Instructions :

- All the answers should be written in the provided answer sheet with correct question number .
- Write legibly and draw a line after each answer.
- Do not write anything in the question paper except your Roll No.
- Be careful about the internal options given in the questions.
- Strictly adhere to the word limit.
- Any section can be attempted first, but all the questions of that particular section must be attempted in correct order.

## The Question Paper is divided into four sections

S.No	General Concepts	Marks
01	Section A (Reading)	20 Marks
02	Section B (Writing)	12 Marks
03	Section C (grammar)	18 Marks
04	Section D (literature)	30 Marks

## SECTION - A (Reading)

### Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The culture of nuclear families is in fashion. Parents are often heard complaining about the difficulties in bringing up children these days. Too much of freedom in demand, too much independence; overnight parties; excessive extravagance, splurging pocket money; no time for studies and family, all this is a common cry of such families. Aren't parents themselves, responsible for this pitiful state ? The basic need of a growing youth is the family, love, attention and bonding along with moral values. One should not forget that charity begins at home.

Independence and individuality both need to be respected, in order to maintain the sanctity of family. Children, today are to be handled with tact in order to bridge the ever widening generation gap. Only the reasonable demands need to be fulfilled, as there are too many expenses to be met and many social obligations to be taken care of by the parents. Our forefathers lived happily in joint families. Children loved to live with their cousins, learnt to adjust within means. There was perfect harmony between the generations. There never existed the concept of old-age homes. There was deep respect for the family elders and love, care and concern for the youngsters. Even the minor family differences were solved peacefully.

- Mention any two major common concerns of a nuclear family. (01)
- Who, according to the passage, are responsible for them? (01)
- What is the basic need of a growing youth? (01)
- How are children needed to be handled? (01)
- Why wasn't there any concept of old age home during our forefathers' time? (02)
- What are the benefits of growing in a joint family? (02)
- What are you in favour of, a nuclear family or a joint family? Why ? Give reason. (02)

**Q2. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.**

Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte better known as Mary Kom was born on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1983 in Manipur, to parents who worked in the jhum fields of Manipur. Her rise from the humble fields to becoming India's most successful and well known women boxer, in a largely male dominated sport is inspiring. In school, Kom participated in all types of sports including volleyball, football and athletics. It was the success of Dingko Singh that inspired her to switch from athletics to boxing in 2000. "when I started, I had no encouragement and no support. It was very difficult because I come from a poor family and I had to struggle a lot for the first four or five years," she recalls. "I never had money to buy a proper kit or good shoes, and I used to travel long distances by bus or train". One of the reasons she took up boxing was to help her dependent family lead a better life. She is the only woman to become world's Amateur boxing champion for a record six times and the only woman boxer to have won a medal in each one of the seven world championships. Nicknamed as Magnificent Mary, she became the first Indian woman boxer to win gold at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. On 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Kom was nominated by the President of India as a member of the Rajya Sabha.

**A. Answer the following questions.**

1. Write the full name of Mary Kom. (01)
2. When and where was Mary Kom born? (01)
3. Who inspired her to switch from athletics to boxing? (01)
4. Why was Mary Kom unable to buy good shoes? (01)
5. What was one of the reason behind her taking up boxing? (01)
6. What is the nickname given to Mary Kom? (01)
7. What does Mary Kom say, recalling her struggle period? (02)
8. Write any two of Mary Kom's achievements given in the passage. (02)

**Section - B (Writing)**

- Q3. Write a letter to the Head of your Municipal Corporation telling about the problems that the increased street-side food vendors have brought in. (08)

(OR)

Write an essay on 'Mobile Phones, a boon or a bane'.

- Q4. Read the following telephonic conversation: (04)

Dr Zaron: Is this 9617849700?

Asmara: Yes, may I know who's calling?

Dr Zaron: I am Dr Zaron Tehran from Tehran Surgical Centre and Nursing Home. May I speak to Mr Sheikh?

Asmara: He's not here at this moment.

Dr Zaron: Could you please convey him that I've gone through his reports and they don't show any serious problem? Ask him to continue taking the same medicines and if no improvement is seen then may have to go for more tests. Also, I've fixed his appointment with a heart surgeon tomorrow. Ask him to reach Holy Care Hospital by 5 O'clock tomorrow with his reports. Tell me not to worry about it, it will be alright.

Asmara: Thank you, Doctor. I'll do the needful.

Asmara had to leave for work before the arrival of his father. So she decides to write a message to her father. As Asmara, write a message in about 50 words conveying the same.

### Section- C (Grammar)

**Q5. Do as directed:** (02)

- Electric current \_\_\_\_\_ through an iron wire. (Put a suitable word in simple present tense)
- The cricket ball \_\_\_\_\_ towards the boundary. (Put a suitable word in present continuous tense)
- The fox \_\_\_\_\_ across the road. (Use the past perfect continuous tense of 'run')
- Regan \_\_\_\_\_ a new car. (Use the future perfect tense of 'buy')

**Q6. Change the voice :** (02)

- Can this sum be solved by her?
- Some boys were helping the wounded man.

**Q7. Turn the following sentences into reported speech.** (03)

- "I met him five days ago", he said .
- He has just said, "I am leaving for Mumbai tomorrow".
- George said , "Do you know French?"

**Q8. Put in " who, that ,or which" where necessary .** (02)

- You are the only person \_\_\_\_\_ can help us.
- I have lost the pencil \_\_\_\_\_ you lent me this morning .

**Q9. Pick out the subordinate clauses and classify them** (03)

- The truth is that he has cheated us.
- He showed the place where he works .
- The film started before we arrived.

**Q10. Choose the correct connector to fill in each space.** (01)

- The sun is shining \_\_\_\_\_ its hot outside.  
(i) But, (ii) And
- He did not understand \_\_\_\_\_ he asked the teacher to explain.  
(i) So, (ii) But

**Q11. State whether the following sentences are simple , compound or complex.** (03)

- I got the information from the internet this morning .
- I will explain how this machine works .
- Walk quickly or you can't catch the bus .

**Q12. From the following nouns make adjectives.** (02)

- Enthusiasm
- Fame

### Section- D (Literature)

**Q13. Give the meanings of the following words (Any four) :** (02)

- Diffused
- Obscure
- Proclaimed
- sleek
- ordeals

**Q14. Answer the following questions. (Any five) :**

**(10)**

- Why do you think Chunilal did what he did? Chunilal says he has no money ; what is it that he does have ?
- What ,according to the writer ,did his experience as an everester teach him ?
- Do you think Penny Baxter did the right thing by killing the doe to save his own life ?Why or why not?
- What is the scientist's message for the disabled ?
- How is the writer in touch with the rain and untouched by the rain at the same time ? (A short monsoon diary)
- What was the story attributed to the stone face?
- How was Ernest different from others in the valley ?

**Q15. Read the lines given below and answer the questions in reference to context.**

“All through life I have awaited the fulfillment of a prophecy and when I read these poems ,I hoped that it might be fulfilled in you”

- Name the lesson and the writer. (01)
- Who said these words and to whom ? (01)
- What were the speaker's feelings when he said these lines ? (01)
- What do you mean by “prophecy”? (01)

**(OR)**

“As I sat on the rocks

I have thought over that completely

And I bought four pairs of worsted socks

Which fit my web- feet neatly

And to keep out the cold I have bought a cloak.”

- Name the poem and the poet. (01)
- What do you mean by “cloak”? (01)
- Why did the speaker say these lines? (02)

**Q16. Answer the following questions (Any five) :**

**(10)**

- Is it likely that someone who is intelligent does not do very well at school? What type of student was Hafees contractor at school?
- What did you learn from the story “Princess September” ?
- Ranji is not at all eager for a second fight . Why does he go back to the pool,then ?
- What happened in the Sappleton family as narrated by the niece ?
- Did the boy get four rupees by playing the game with Allah Miyan ? What did he get to see under the rock?
- Why is Duttada's wife unhappy about the discovery of comet?
- What is Duttada expected to do on his return from London?

**Q17. Value based questions.**

**(04)**

Do you think the disabled or differently abled people really want to discover how much kindness is there in the world ?In your opinion what do they want from the society ?

**(OR)**

Write down three superstitious beliefs that you are familiar with . Do you believe in any of the superstitions ?Why or why not ? (example “chuchundar are lucky, they bring money”)